

## OPINION 1868

### *Patella longicosta* Lamarck, 1819 (Mollusca, Gastropoda): specific name conserved

**Keywords.** Nomenclature; taxonomy; Gastropoda; limpets; *Patella*; South Africa.

#### Ruling

- (1) Under the plenary powers the specific name *digitata* Fischer von Waldheim, 1807, as published in the binomen *Patella digitata*, is hereby suppressed for the purposes of the Principle of Priority but not for those of the Principle of Homonymy.
- (2) The name *longicosta* Lamarck, 1819, as published in the binomen *Patella longicosta*, is hereby placed on the Official List of Specific Names in Zoology.
- (3) The name *digitata* Fischer von Waldheim, 1807, as published in the binomen *Patella digitata* and as suppressed in (1) above, is hereby placed on the Official Index of Rejected and Invalid Specific Names in Zoology.

#### History of Case 2947

An application for the conservation of the specific name of *Patella longicosta* Lamarck, 1819 was received from Dr D.G. Herbert (*Natal Museum, Pietermaritzburg, KwaZulu-Natal, South Africa*) on 24 August 1994. After correspondence the case was published in BZN 52: 234–235 (September 1995). Notice of the case was sent to appropriate journals.

#### Decision of the Commission

On 1 December 1996 the members of the Commission were invited to vote on the proposals published in BZN 52: 234–235. At the close of the voting period on 1 March 1997 the votes were as follows:

Affirmative votes — 24: Bock, Bouchet, Brothers, Cocks, Dupuis, Eschmeyer, Heppell, Kabata, Kerzhner, Kraus, Lehtinen, Macpherson, Mahnert, Martins de Souza, Mawatari, Minelli, Nielsen, Nye, Papp, Patterson, Savage, Schuster, Song, Štys

Negative votes — none.

No vote was received from Cogger.

Ride was on leave of absence.

Bouchet commented: 'The application has adequately demonstrated the widespread usage of the name *Patella longicosta* outside specialized taxonomic literature'.

#### Original references

The following are the original references to the names placed on an Official List and an Official Index by the ruling given in the present Opinion:

*digitata*, *Patella*, Fischer von Waldheim, 1807, *Muséum-Demidoff mis en ordre systématique et décrit*, vol. 3, p. 115.

*longicosta*, *Patella*, Lamarck, 1819. *Patelle*, *Patella*. In: *Histoire naturelle des animaux sans vertèbres*, vol. 6, part 1, p. 326.